

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

**October 14, 2008 Draft Minutes
(To be approved October 28, 2008)**

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1. **Call to Order** Dan Neirinckx, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Dan Neirinckx, Dan Kjonegaard, Linda Ivy, Janet Mulder, James Talbot, Steve Wragg, Judy Bohlen, Krishna Toolsie, Earl Katzer, Wythe Davis, and Richard Wright.

Excused: Frank Hewitt, Janice Grace and Martin Muschinske

Absent: Randy White

3. **Motion to approve the Minutes for September 23 and Agenda for October 14, 2008, carried unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM - Opportunity for public to speak - limit 3 minutes.**
 - a. **Dan Neirinckx reminded us that the Planning Group will meet Oct. 28, November 11 and December 9 – Only one meeting in the months of November and December.**
 - b. **Randy White will be absent on October 28.**
 - c. **Linda Ivy announced that the SDG&E sub-committee would meet before all of the above meetings barring any unforeseen problems.**
 - d. **Richard Wright announced that there will be an Open House at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College on October 25 and he urged us to attend.**
 - e. **Dan Kjonegaard received a notice from CPUC re Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project.** This is the project we have opposed and the final EIR will be sent out and available for review 30 days after its release, which is expected to be October 17, which means the review period, will end on November 15. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the Director (210) Attention: Brenda Williams P.O. Box 66538 Washington DC 20035 as emailed or faxed letters will not be accepted as valid protests unless there is also an original letter delivered by mail and postmarked by the close of the protest period.
 - f. **Dan Kjonegaard will not be here for the October 28 or November 11 meetings.**
 - g. **Krishna Toolsie read from the Water Conservation Garden an article which was a tribute to Richard Wright stating, "Our Professor Emeritus of Geography and Past Co-Director of the Center for Earth Systems Analysis at SDSU has at least twelve professional awards that I was able to count, including a teaching laboratory named in his honor. He has authored more than 100 research papers and mentored hundreds of graduate students. He has clearly always valued community service; I counted 23 commitments, including his current Chairmanship of the California Regional Water Control Board, San Diego Section. But he can enjoy another side of his persona at the Water Conservation Garden. He loves working with the docents, "whose enthusiasm is catching", he says. Richard plays down his many awards, as well as what he has done and continues to do for the Garden. However, those of us who work with him have immense respect for the intelligence, dedication, kindness,**

caring and humor of this remarkable individual. Marty Eberhardt wrote the article. Congratulations, Richard!

- h. Linda Ivy** emailed Dagmar Harrison regarding The Haven property as when she recently surveyed the property; she was astounded at the huge amount of dirt moved and the barren slopes, which will be a worry when the rains come unless the owners have BMPs in order.
- i. Judy Bohlen** reported that the house on Melody Lane that was owned by Lakes Gaming was demolished. Question was - was it done with a demolition permit?
- j. Don Parent of SDG&E** spoke regarding fire emergency plans in which SDG&E proposed shutting off the power to our area and others when the fire danger was high and Santa Ana conditions were severe. They have received comments both positive and negative. The water agencies asked for more time along with County Supervisors in order for the agencies to get prepared. There was a question if all people who are dependent upon life support devices were noticed of the plan. They will hold off for a few days before they would consider shutting off power to a circuit. **Janet Mulder** suggested that this lack of discussion or notice to important stakeholders seems to be a problem with SDG&E as they did not inform the Water Companies or BOS both of whom would be affected by the power being shut off, just as they did not inform us of the final decision on the Maxwell/Proctor Valley property for their substation until it was a "done deal". Perhaps SDG&E needs to recognize the importance of soliciting the input from all stakeholders before they make decisions in the future. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that the Barrett Valley Water Company was not notified and their company is dependent upon electricity to utilize their groundwater which is the source of their water. **Judy Bohlen** said that she was concerned that we had to learn from the San Diego UT that the plan had been suspended temporarily. **Don Parent** told us that the conditions in Campo today met the red flag alert and the other conditions, but SDG&E did not exercise the plan. The fire department requested that SDG&E shut off the power where there was danger. **Linda Ivy** asked for clarification of the reset when the circuits were tripped. **Don Parent** stated that the normal situation is that there are reclosures on the system so that when something trips the line and the power goes off, the reclosure automatically resets. This could happen up to three times. The new program, during Santa Ana's for example, they have cut the reclosure down to one time and during red flag times, they are programmed not to re-open. **Judy Bohlen** asked how many areas would they test and then determine how much to shut off. **Dan Parent** suggested we look at the web page for more information. There are weather-monitoring systems and SDG&E is paying to install others so they can more closely pinpoint the areas needing to be shut down. If the whole service area had the heavy winds of 35 mph or gusts of 50 mph and the humidity is low, then it would trigger a shutdown of that particular monitoring station's area. **Richard Wright** asked how many weather stations exist and if they are part of Nation Weather Service (NOAH) **Michael Castinelli** pointed out that the report stated that the lines were not well maintained and asked if shutting off the power was cheaper to do than cut the brush or replace wood poles with steel poles. **Don Parent** said they are busy upgrading their maintenance and following the CPUC standards. **Dave Buller** asked what was the major cause of fire related to the PG&E system? **Don Parent** stated that he does not have that information, but will get back to us with an answer. He pointed out that he had been told that a Cox line came undone in the wind and hit SDG&E's line. **Leslie Hammer** asked whether the news media was correct in the number of residences cut off. **Dan Kjonggaard** asked about the change in length of the wire

between hot and cool weather and suggested that it could cause a pole to fall. **Dan Neirinckx** reminded us this was just an Open Forum report and suggested we move onto the rest of the agenda items.

5. **San Diego Gas and Electric Subcommittee Update** – Linda Ivy reported that the sub-committee did not meet, as some of the representatives of SDG&E could not be there. However, **Don Parent**, SDG&E, presented a written report, which was read into the minutes as follows:

October 13, 2008

Mr. Dan Neirinckx, Chair

Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group

Dear Mr. Neirinckx:

RE: SDG&E Substation Subcommittee Report by Ms. Ivy to the CPG on September 23, 2008

While the minutes as recorded by CPG member Mulder may accurately reflect what subcommittee chair, Linda Ivy, reported to the full Community Planning Group (CPG), SDG&E's project team members who attended the subcommittee meeting prior to the regular meeting, would like to submit to you, comments that we feel more accurately reflect the discussion during the subcommittee meeting.

1. On the topic of NEED

Rather than the need coming from the growth of "other communities", SDG&E representatives pointed out that it is the combined growth of the communities served by the existing Jamacha substation that has led to the need of a new substation in the Jamul area. In addition, it has been reported all along that the loading on the existing circuits serving the Jamul/Dulzura communities is at 95% capacity, not 60-70% as stated in the minutes.

2. On the topic of SITE SELECTION

While there may be a feeling that SDG&E's purchase of the parcel for the substation was done without sufficient public input; it is inaccurate to report that the purchase was done without any public input at all. SDG&E made a presentation to the CPG describing pros and cons related to several sites being considered for the project. SDG&E representatives reported to the subcommittee at the September 23, 2008 meeting that there are several criteria to consider in selecting a site. "A willing seller", while always an advantage in any transaction, is just one consideration and definitely not the most important. SDG&E representatives are scheduled to further discuss the site selection process at the October 28, 2008 subcommittee meeting.

These comments are provided to you and other members of the CPG in an attempt to ensure that information regarding the substation project is accurate especially since local publications and internet newsletters continue to distribute inaccurate information about the project even after SDG&E has provided answers to this committee's questions. This misleading information is counter-productive for those individuals who are sincerely interested in having their questions and concerns answered regarding the substation project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don Parent

Public Affairs Manager

Linda Ivy took issue with the statement of "combined growth of the communities" and told him the sub-committee had stated that the need came from the growth of "other communities", not Jamul. **Richard Wright** asked what percentage of planned growth

are we looking at as an increase. **Dan Neirinckx** stated that we are at about 50% of potential growth as proposed by the GP update or the current plan with RPO restrictions, which are consistent with the groundtruthing we did. **Judy Bohlen** asked what was the percentage of use by Jamul of the Jamacha Substation, and **Don Parent** stated that he would bring those figures to the next sub-committee meeting. **Jim Talbot** asked if they were looking at peak usage, and **Don Parent** stated that they had to base their estimates on peak use. **Jim Talbot** pointed out that the peak use of 95 – 110% capacity showed on their graphs as only a few peaks and the average was closer to the 60-70% as reported in the minutes. **Don Parent** asked what was the purpose of the sub-committee, and asked to have SDG&E's positions presented to the Planning Group as well as the sub-committee's point of view. Sub-committee methods were discussed including the members of the community who come and go and **Don Parent** suggested that we get input from the community after the Planning Group members have spoken and been heard. **Dan Kjonsgaard** suggested that the minutes should reflect both sides of the story. **Richard Wright** pointed out that if they are giving hard data, that is one thing, but the interpretation of that data can be different. **Don Parent** stated that they could get questions from us in writing and give us answers without a sub-committee if that's what we wanted. **Dan Neirinckx** suggested that if SDG&E feels that what the minutes reflect are not what was actually stated, then they could present a suggested correction. The suggested correction to the minutes would then be voted upon by the group at the next meeting to determine which version would be included as the official minute. **Steve Wragg** suggested that both sides need to be accurate as he found some inaccuracies in the paper presented by Don Parent. **Don Parent** pointed out that SDG&E states that the impact on the Jamacha Substation comes from all of the communities. Two circuits come up the hill all the way to Jamul and are now are at 95% to 110% capacity, which he said means they are not adequate today. Next sub-committee meeting will be at 6:00 before the regular JDCPG meeting on October 28 at Oak Grove Middle School Library.

6. **POD 08-005 – Log ER08-003 – Second Dwelling Unit Neg Dec or Mitigated Dec.**
Steve Wragg and Janet Mulder - Steve gave a brief background of the existing four types of second dwelling units and pointed out that they are being reduced to two types. The state has ordered that you cannot regulate by age so the Granny flats are being taken out and the accessory dwelling unit (maid's quarters) are also being removed. The two types are the second dwelling unit and the guest living quarter. You are able to have a guest living quarter by right, but this ordinance does not allow a wet bar and will require an Administrative Permit. The Second Dwelling Unit will have to have findings made including location; size and design are compatible, not harmful with neighborhood character, meet CEQA and General Plan, and need an Administrative Permit. The threshold is size the same as today – up to 50% of the main house, not over 1200 sq feet with an Administrative Permit. Today we have second dwelling units on the books and the impact analysis is based on that rather than **Earl Katzer** stated that he would rather have us not comment favorably on this proposal, as there are too many regulations existing today and this just adds more. **The Planning Group decided not to make official comments on this Negative Dec as it does not substantially change the existing requirements.**
7. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Status Report and Recommendations:** **Dan Neirinckx** has copies of a suit that has been filed by Jamul Indian Village against Caltrans. He gave a copy of the suit and offered to mail to the others.

8. **General Plan Update – Dan Neirinckx – nothing to report.**
9. **JDCPG Officer's Announcements and Reports**
 - a. **P00-07-1 – Dr. Katzer's veterinary clinic – signs are oversize - Dan Neirinckx will review and report back.**
 - b. **David Dukes – email – represents the owner of the triangle of Jefferson and Lyons Valley – He would like to offer some of the land for purchase by the community for a community center. Krishna Toolsie asked, "What impact would the sale of that property have on the watershed?" Dan Neirinckx pointed out that Sweetwater Authority had some concerns about the development of the Simpson property and may well have problems here too, so would need to be included in any discussions. Dan will put on agenda for next meeting.**
 - c. **POD 08-112 Log 08-00-004 – Tiered Winery Zoning Ordinance Amendment – given to Frank Hewitt to review and report**
 - d. **San Diego Traffic Advisory – nothing to area**
 - e. **TM5500 Kistrup – given to Randy White to review and report**
 - f. **SD Planning Commission – nothing in our area**
 - g. **TM5555 – The Preserve at Rancho Jamul Estates - Daniel J. Hortert – Wythe Davis and Richard Wright will review and report**
 - h. **Board of Supervisors Agenda October 14 and 15 – nothing in our planning area.**
 - i. **POD 08-11 Log 08-00-055 – Zoning Ordinance Amendments – allow Certified Farmer's Markets – and family burials on parcels greater than 10 acres. Given to Linda Ivy and Judy Bohlen to review and report.**
 - j. **Draft Revisions to the County's Public Road Standards – Dan Neirinckx will review and report.**
 - k. **GPA 08-007 Amendment to Chapter 12 – Public Facility Element – Sec. 4 Transportation, County Wide – Dan Neirinckx will review and report back**
 - l. **SD Planning Commission October 17 – nothing in our planning area.**

Adjournment:

Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. reminding us that the next regular meeting is **Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:30 pm at Oak Grove Middle School Library.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mulder, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: SDG&E Substation Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, October 28 and November 11 at 6:00 before regular meeting, Oak Grove Middle School